cial help for the construction of sea walls to prevent sea erosion along its coastal lines; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central Government has been extending loan assistance to Kerala for undertaking protection works to check sea erosion of vulnerable sections of the coast-line.

An expenditure of Rs. 83.14 crores had been incurred up to March, 1988 for protection of coast-line. Of this Central loan assistance amounts to Rs. 42.12 crores.

Israeli consul at Bombay

*34. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to allow the Israeli Consul at Bombay to resume his duties; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (PROF. K. K. TEWARI): (a) A Consul is already in position in the Israeli Consulate in Bombay.

(b) The posting was agreed to in response to a routine request to fill in the existing vacancy in the Consulate.

Crisis in matscience institute

*35. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report appearing in a section of the press regarding crisis in Matscience Institute (Institute of Mathematical Sciences);

(b) if so, what action is being taken by Government in this regard;

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to appoint a full time Director for the Institute; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) Government has seen the report. It is not correct to say that there is a crisis in the Institute. However, there were some issues relating to administration which required to be sorted out which was done by the Board of Governors of the Institute which met on 15th July 1988.

(c) and (d) The matter is under consideration.

Central assistance for minor irrigation sub-plans of tribal areas

*36. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of tribal population out of the total population in the State of Orissa;

(b) the percentage of funds being allocated by State Irrigation Department of tribal area for minor irrigation sub-plans of the State;

(c) whether the Central Government have given the approval for the use of special Central assistance to supplement the plan funds of Orissa Government for minor irrigation of tribal area sub-plan;

(d) whether Government propose to treat the minor irrigation programme of the State as tribal family benefit oriented scheme and provide proportionate special Central aid to supplement the funds; and